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Amendment to the Specification:

At page 1, line 5, please insert the following amendment updating the status of applications listed in the continuing data:

This application is a continuation application of application no. 09/326,879, filed June 7, 1999, <u>abandoned</u>, which is a divisional of application no. 09/038,199, filed March 10, 1998, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,180,107, which is a divisional of application no. 08/299,185, filed August 31, 1994, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,726,152, which is a continuation-in-part of application no. 08/000,834, filed January 5, 1993, abandoned, which is a continuation of application no. 07/586,638, filed September 21, 1990, abandoned.